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Retail trade pushes May employment higher

Georgia's nonagricultural wage and salary employment numbered an estimated 2,792,900 in May, an increase of 5,000 over the April level. Almost all of the gain occurred in the nonmanufacturing industries, and well over half was in retail trade establishments.

Annually, employment rose 28,400. The service industries posted the most significant growth during this time period, followed by government. Manufacturing and construction lost 1,000 and 1,100 respectively, while the remaining divisions rose modestly.

Manufacturing employment was flat from April with several industries remaining unchanged and the remainder fluctuating by only a few hundred. The over-the-year picture is somewhat different.

Durable goods dropped by 3,600. The transportation equipment industry reduced its workers by 3,900 with significant layoffs occurring in both automobile and aircraft manufacturing. Miscellaneous transportation equipment grew 700. Nonelectrical machinery rose 1,900 because of more business in the manufacture of construction equipment, service industry machinery, and special and general nonelectrical machinery.

Nondurable goods' overall rise of 2,600 does not reflect the considerable internal fluctuations within the sector. The largest gainer was printing and publishing, up 1,700, largely in commercial printing.

Textiles was second with an increase of 1,500. Floor covering mills and cotton weaving mills each recorded healthy job growth while knitting mills and yarn and thread mills declined modestly.

A gain of 1,000 jobs in poultry processing was partly offset by small decreases in several other segments of food processing.

Apparel dropped 1,600, mostly in men's and boys' clothing. Despite the inroads foreign competition is having on the domestic enterprise, some bright spots exist. A major clothing manufacturer is expanding its operations in Georgia and expects to add 1,400 employees within two years.

Construction employment declined from both reference periods. General building rose slightly, while both heavy building and special trades construction dropped over the month and over the year. The completion of interstate highway con-

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New developments

Aetna Life Insurance Company will open a claims processing center in Savannah, according to a company spokesman. The office will process claims for physician, laboratory, X-ray, and ambulance services to Medicare patients. Three hundred fifty people will be employed to handle 8 million claims per year.

Harry's Market opens in early July in Alpharetta. The owner, Harry Blazer, was formerly a partner in the DeKalb Farmers Market. In addition to a wide variety of meats, produce, and seafood, the North Fulton facility will offer international foods, a fresh juice bar, an in-store bakery, and a flower shop. Quantity discounts will be available to volume buyers. Some 250 people will be employed in the $9 million, 75,000-square-foot market.

Massachusetts-based **Hollingsworth and Vose Company** will locate a specialty paper mill in Hawkinsville, according to a company spokesman. The company will invest $25 million in the plant which will make filter papers. As many as 150 people will be employed.

Atlanta is to have a new luxury hotel in Buckhead. Developer Charles Ackerman and Zurich-based Swissotel will build the **Swiss Grand Hotel Atlanta** at the corner of Peachtree Road and Lenox Square Parkway. The 375-room hotel will rise 21 stories and cost $65 million. Construction is slated to begin in the fall of this year and be completed by the fall of 1990.

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struction in Georgia has had a negative effect on heavy building. As the Vogel nuclear power plant is completed, employment will drop even more. One construction company which once employed nearly 2,000 people at Vogel will phase out almost entirely by the end of the year.

The beginning of the summer travel season led to an increase in airline employment from April to May. Motor freight transportation also gained slightly, while water transportation decreased by 600. This latter sector utilizes mostly marine cargo handlers, and employment frequently fluctuates widely.

The over-the-year gain in the division occurred primarily in communication. The majority of the growth was in telephone communication.

Wholesale and retail trade gained 2,900 from April 1988 to May 1988, and 1,900 from May 1987 to May 1988. Almost all the activity was in the retail sector.

Building material, hardware, and farm equipment employment changed little over the month, but increased 1,400 over the year. Below-expected sales increases have had a negative effect on department store employment. Reorganizations in two large chains have also led to work force cutbacks.

Food store employment rose by 500 from April. One major food chain opened a large store which employs more than 200 people. Despite the monthly gain, the sector is currently 500 below the level of last year.

The largest retail industry is eating and drinking places, which employs 168,300 people in Georgia. Employment rose by 1,800 from last month and 2,500 from last year.

There were some losers among the retailers. Apparel and accessories dropped 600 from last year, furniture was off 500, and miscellaneous retailers lost 1,000.

Finance, insurance, and real estate rose 200 from April and 1,400 from May 1987. The over-the-month fluctuations were insignificant, but the annual activity reflected some long-term trends.

Financial institutions lost 1,200 jobs from May 1987, 900 of them in banking. Most of the loss occurred because of bank consolidations. Credit agencies besides banks decreased by 400. This sector includes savings and loan associations. Because a number of these businesses are in poor financial health, further declines in employment may be expected as these institutions cut back or merge with other entities. A number of savings and loan associations have converted to stock holding companies.

Although services recorded only minor increments from last month, the division continued its impressive annual growth, far outstripping its closest competitor. Most of the monthly changes were seasonal, such as the decline in personal services (which includes tax preparation services) and the increase in amusements and recreation.

Employment growth appears to have slowed in business services, but health services continues to expand at a rapid pace. Both hospitals and other health services are up significantly from May 1987. Medical and health services employment growth has been relatively stagnant for the past three months, but hospitals employment has increased almost every month since January 1986.

Government's increases from both reference periods were confined to the state and local sectors. Civilian employment in defense establishments dropped by 300 over the month and 1,900 over the year. Most of this may be attributed to federal budget cuts which are expected to continue for the near future. The release of seasonal tax workers at IRS further depressed federal employment. Most of the annual growth in state employment occurred in state schools, while all segments of local government shared the increase.

New developments

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American Telephone and Telegraph Company has announced that 90 workers will be recalled from layoff next month. The workers were among 200 who were laid off two years ago from AT&T's Norcross factory. The company cited increased demand for copper and fiber optic cables as the reason for the recall.

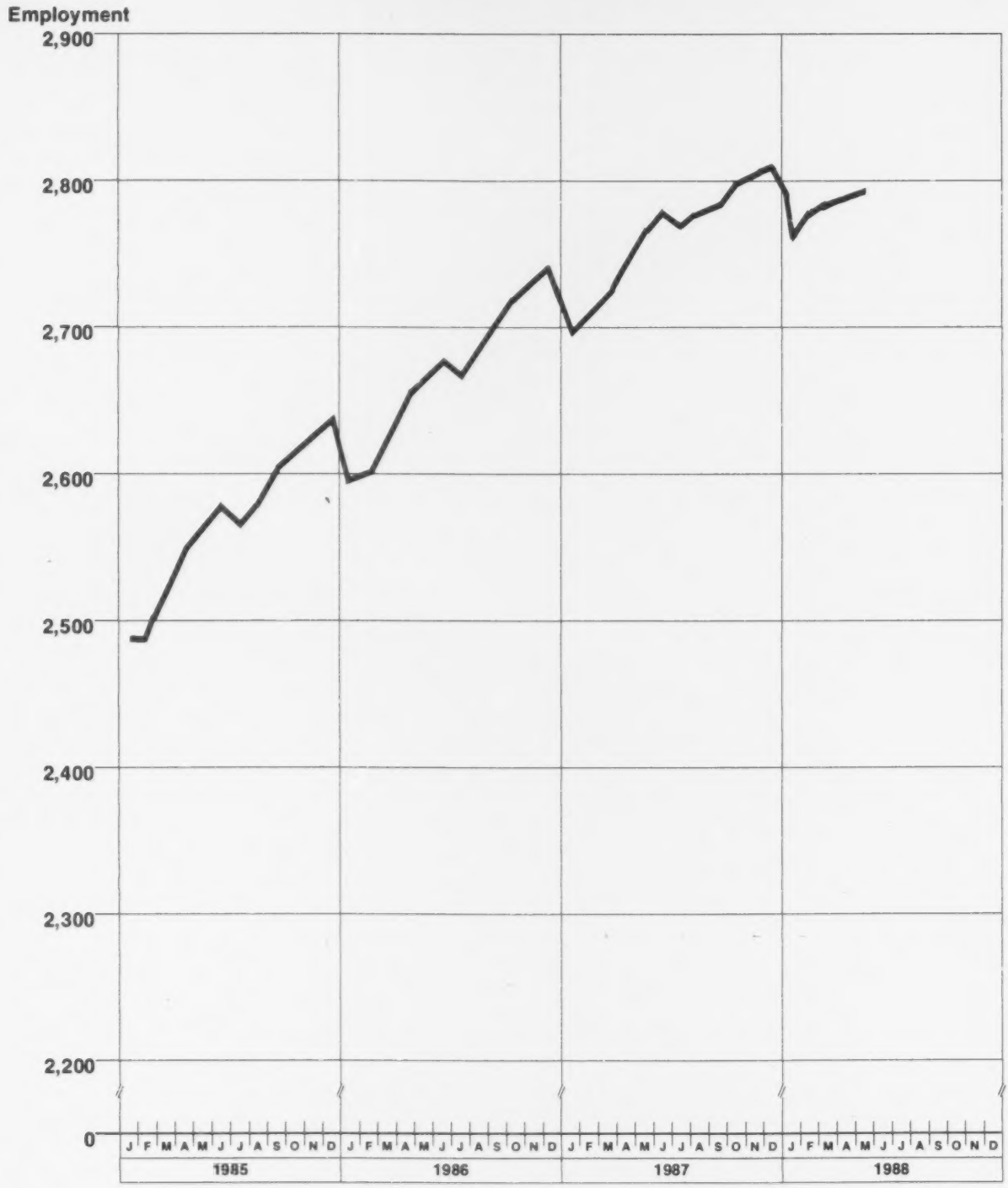
Southeast Toyota Distributors will build a 100,000-square-foot distribution center in Commerce. The facility will be completed by April 1989 and will employ 20 people initially with 20 more to be added within a year.

Rich's, an Atlanta institution for more than a century, is undergoing a reorganization following its recent sale to Campeau Corporation by parent Federated Department Stores. Some 250 people, most of them managers or supervisors, were laid off. About 80 percent of the workers were based in Rich's corporate headquarters and the remainder scattered among the company's retail stores. The sales staff was not affected.

Gainesville Manufacturing Company has laid off more than half its workers, according to a recent announcement. The company, which produces men's and boys' slacks, is phasing out its sewing operation, and 70 of its 120 workers have been released.

Makro Self Service Wholesale Corporation has closed its Norcross store, idling 160 employees. A company spokesman blamed road construction in the vicinity, saying that it had kept customers away for several months.

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(In thousands)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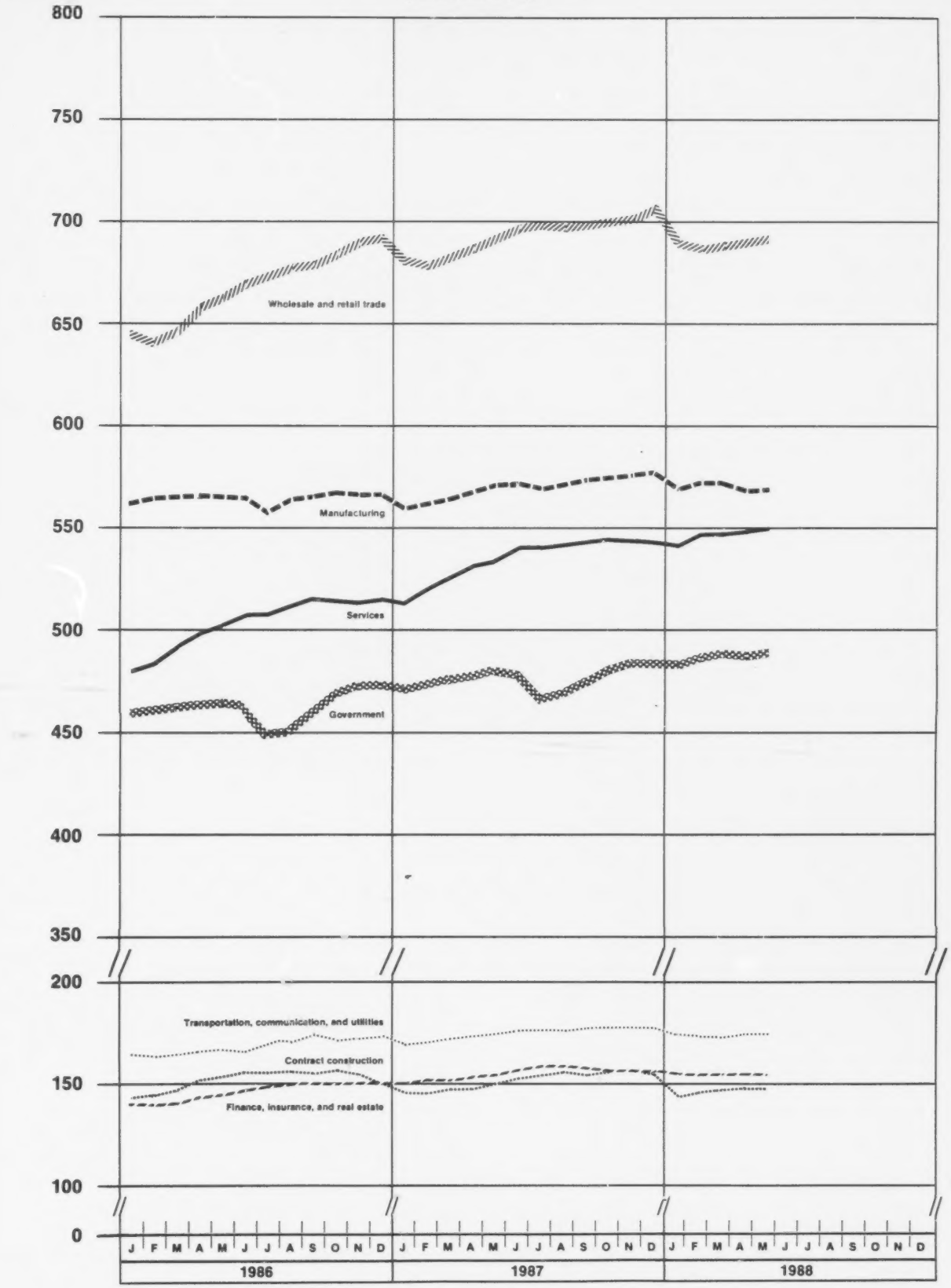

GEORGIA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	2,792.9	2,787.9	2,764.5	5.0	28.4
Manufacturing	300005	569.7	569.6	570.7	.1	-1.0
Durable goods	300025	220.9	220.8	224.5	.1	-3.6
Lumber and wood products	324005	34.1	33.8	33.8	.3	.3
Logging camps, sawmills, and planing mills	324195	14.1	14.0	14.0	.1	.1
Furniture and fixtures	325005	11.7	11.8	11.8	-.1	-.1
Household furniture	325105	6.5	6.6	6.6	-.1	-.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	20.3	20.2	21.0	.1	-.7
Primary metal industries	333005	16.1	16.0	16.5	.1	-.4
Fabricated metal products	334005	20.4	20.5	20.9	-.1	-.5
Machinery, except electrical	335005	27.9	28.1	26.0	-.2	1.9
Electric and electronic equipment	336005	29.4	29.2	29.2	.2	.2
Transportation equipment	337005	48.6	48.9	52.5	-.3	-3.9
Other durable goods	399915	12.3	12.2	12.5	.1	-.2
Nondurable goods	400015	348.8	348.8	346.2	.0	2.6
Food and kindred products	420005	60.5	60.8	60.0	-.3	.5
Meat products	420105	26.7	27.0	25.8	-.3	.9
Poultry dressing and poultry processing	420185	20.0	20.2	19.0	-.2	1.0
Dairy products	420205	3.7	3.8	3.8	-.1	-.1
Bakery products	420505	9.1	9.3	9.0	-.2	.1
Textile mill products	422005	107.8	107.7	106.3	.1	1.5
Weaving mills, cotton	422105	18.3	18.3	17.4	.0	.9
Weaving mills, synthetic	422205	8.8	8.7	8.8	.1	.0
Knitting mills	422505	8.3	8.2	8.9	.1	-.6
Floor covering mills	422705	36.0	36.0	34.7	.0	1.3
Yarn and thread mills	422805	20.5	20.4	20.8	.1	-.3
Apparel and other textile products	423005	66.8	67.0	68.4	-.2	-1.6
Men's and boys' clothing	423175	36.3	36.6	37.7	-.3	-1.4
Women's and children's clothing	423335	19.9	19.9	20.2	.0	-.3
Paper and allied products	426005	31.4	31.4	31.1	.0	.3
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	426135	13.6	13.7	13.6	-.1	.0
Paperboard containers and boxes	426505	7.6	7.6	7.6	.0	.0
Printing and publishing	427005	38.5	38.5	36.8	.0	1.7
Commercial printing	427505	15.2	15.1	14.0	.1	1.2
Chemicals and allied products	428005	19.4	19.5	19.2	-.1	.2
Agricultural chemicals	428705	1.8	1.8	1.9	.0	-.1
Leather and leather products	431005	1.6	1.6	1.6	.0	.0
Other nondurable goods	499915	22.8	22.4	22.8	.4	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	2,223.2	2,218.3	2,193.8	4.9	29.4
Mining	100005	8.4	8.4	8.3	.0	.1
Contract construction	200005	149.0	149.3	150.1	-.3	-1.1
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	176.4	176.1	174.1	.3	2.3
Transportation	500015	106.0	105.8	105.6	.2	.4
Communication (except U.S. Postal Service)	548005	44.1	43.9	42.5	.2	1.6
Electric, gas, and sanitary services	549005	26.4	26.3	26.0	.1	.4
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	693.4	690.5	691.5	2.9	1.9
Wholesale trade	650005	200.0	199.9	199.8	.1	.2
Wholesale trade—durable	650015	130.1	130.0	129.5	.1	.6
Wholesale trade—nondurable	651005	69.9	69.9	70.3	.0	-.4
Retail trade	652005	493.4	490.5	491.6	2.9	1.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	156.2	156.0	154.8	.2	1.4
Finance	760025	68.5	68.7	69.7	-.2	-1.2
Insurance carriers, agents, and brokers	763045	51.4	51.2	49.8	.2	1.6
Real estate	765075	36.2	36.1	35.4	.1	.8
Services	800005	550.0	549.4	534.8	.6	15.2
Hotels and other lodging places	870005	40.5	40.2	39.3	.3	1.2
Business services	873005	131.4	131.3	130.3	.1	1.1
Health services	880005	133.3	133.5	127.0	-.2	6.3
Private hospitals	880605	50.2	50.4	46.5	-.2	3.7
Government	998008	489.8	488.7	480.2	1.1	9.6
Federal	998011	99.0	99.7	99.7	-.7	-.7
Defense	998101	36.0	36.3	37.9	-.3	-1.9
Other federal (including U.S. Postal Service)	998401	63.0	63.4	61.8	-.4	1.2
State	998512	114.9	114.4	113.3	.5	1.6
State education	882002	48.5	48.3	47.1	.2	1.4
Other state	992972	66.4	66.1	66.2	.3	.2
Local	998523	275.9	274.6	267.2	1.3	8.7
Local education	882003	145.1	144.3	142.5	.8	2.6
Other local	993973	130.8	130.4	124.7	.4	6.1

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers throughout Georgia. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

GEORGIA HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
		CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987
Total manufacturing	300005	$356.79	$357.25	$351.53	41.2	41.3	41.7	$ 8.66	$ 8.65	$ 8.43
Durable goods	300025	403.08	407.04	397.42	41.9	42.4	42.1	9.62	9.60	9.44
Nondurable goods	400015	328.44	326.83	322.92	40.8	40.6	41.4	8.05	8.05	7.80
SELECTED INDUSTRIES										
Food and kindred products	420005	323.14	336.13	316.65	40.8	41.6	40.7	7.92	8.08	7.78
Textile mill products	422005	312.57	315.05	318.38	41.4	41.4	43.2	7.55	7.61	7.37
Weaving mills, cotton	422105	295.54	318.86	323.68	40.1	42.8	44.4	7.37	7.45	7.29
Weaving mills, synthetic	422205	320.80	322.49	304.79	42.1	42.1	41.3	7.62	7.66	7.38
Knitting mills	422505	262.04	263.71	240.60	40.5	40.2	40.1	6.47	6.56	6.00
Floor covering mills	422705	317.60	328.18	350.03	41.9	42.4	46.3	7.58	7.74	7.56
Yarn and thread mills	422805	316.30	296.32	268.91	41.4	39.3	37.4	7.64	7.54	7.19
Apparel and other textile products	423005	192.92	193.78	188.47	36.4	36.7	37.1	5.30	5.28	5.08
Men's and boys' clothing	423175	187.92	191.46	187.75	36.0	36.4	37.4	5.22	5.26	5.02
Women's and children's clothing	423335	186.22	183.00	171.82	36.3	36.6	35.5	5.13	5.00	4.84
Lumber and wood products	324005	301.60	291.41	309.57	41.6	40.7	40.1	7.25	7.16	7.72
Furniture and fixtures	325005	256.62	263.35	261.81	36.4	38.9	44.3	7.05	6.77	5.91
Paper and allied products	426005	556.41	547.80	543.92	45.2	44.5	45.9	12.31	12.31	11.85
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	426135	705.98	625.60	679.27	50.9	46.0	49.8	13.87	13.60	13.64
Chemicals and allied products	428005	459.65	453.05	493.88	43.2	42.7	43.9	10.64	10.61	11.25
Leather and leather products	431005	195.72	184.70	163.44	39.7	38.4	36.0	4.93	4.81	4.54
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	374.10	391.03	391.07	41.2	43.4	42.6	9.08	9.01	9.18
Fabricated metal products	334005	337.83	348.16	340.52	40.9	41.3	42.3	8.26	8.43	8.05
Electric and electronic equipment	336005	338.24	346.20	358.14	41.4	42.9	44.6	8.17	8.07	8.03
Transportation equipment	337005	597.97	610.45	542.68	43.3	44.3	41.3	13.81	13.78	13.14

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data exclude supervisory, sales, clerical, and other office personnel. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis, reflecting changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, as well as any premium pay for overtime and late shift work. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

ATLANTA MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	1,384.9	1,381.9	1,367.0	3.0	17.9
Manufacturing	300005	187.9	188.3	189.9	-.4	-2.0
Durable goods	300025	95.7	96.2	99.6	-.5	-3.9
Lumber and wood products	324005	5.0	5.0	5.0	.0	.0
Furniture and fixtures	325005	4.2	4.2	4.1	.0	.1
Household furniture	325105	1.8	1.9	1.8	-.1	.0
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	8.9	8.9	9.6	.0	-.7
Primary metal industries	333005	6.7	6.7	7.3	.0	-.6
Fabricated metal products	334005	9.7	9.8	9.7	-.1	.0
Machinery, except electrical	335005	11.1	11.1	10.3	.0	.8
Electric and electronic equipment	336005	14.5	14.7	14.5	-.2	.0
Transportation equipment	337005	29.9	30.3	33.5	-.4	-3.6
Other durable goods	399915	5.5	5.6	5.7	-.1	-.2
Nondurable goods	400015	92.2	92.0	90.3	.2	1.9
Food and kindred products	420005	21.4	21.5	21.1	-.1	.3
Meat products	420105	7.2	7.2	7.2	.0	.0
Bakery products	420505	3.3	3.5	3.2	-.2	.1
Textile mill products	422005	7.7	7.6	7.3	.1	.4
Weaving mills, cotton	422105	2.9	2.8	2.6	.1	.3
Yarn and thread mills	422805	1.0	1.0	.9	.0	.1
Apparel and other textile products	423005	11.3	11.4	11.6	-.1	-.3
Men's and boys' clothing	423175	4.8	4.8	5.1	.0	-.3
Women's and children's clothing	423335	3.0	3.1	3.1	-.1	-.1
Paper and allied products	426005	9.5	9.4	9.1	.1	.4
Paperboard containers and boxes	426505	4.9	4.9	4.8	.0	.1
Printing and publishing	427005	23.2	23.1	22.5	.1	.7
Commercial printing	427505	9.3	9.2	8.8	.1	.5
Chemicals and allied products	428005	9.6	9.4	9.2	.2	.4
Other nondurable goods	499915	9.5	9.6	9.5	-.1	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	1,197.0	1,193.6	1,177.2	3.4	19.8
Mining	100005	1.4	1.4	1.4	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	70.5	70.9	71.8	-.4	-1.3
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	118.8	118.2	114.4	.6	4.4
Transportation	500015	74.5	74.2	72.5	.3	2.0
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	377.5	376.4	377.5	1.1	.0
Wholesale trade	650005	130.8	130.9	131.1	-.1	-.3
Wholesale trade—durable	650015	93.1	93.3	92.6	-.2	.5
Wholesale trade—nondurable	651005	37.7	37.6	38.5	.1	-.8
Retail trade	652005	246.6	245.6	246.4	1.0	.2
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	99.2	98.8	97.9	.4	1.3
Finance	760025	40.3	40.4	40.2	-.1	.1
Insurance carriers, agents, and brokers	763045	35.2	34.8	34.1	.4	1.1
Services	800005	327.4	326.1	318.5	1.3	8.9
Hotels and other lodging places	870005	23.6	23.7	23.3	-.1	.3
Business services	873005	96.2	95.5	96.2	.7	.0
Health services	880005	61.0	60.8	57.2	.2	3.8
Private hospitals	880605	23.6	23.5	21.6	.1	2.0
Government	998008	202.3	201.6	195.6	.7	6.7
Federal	998011	43.2	43.6	42.2	-.4	1.0
Defense	998101	6.0	6.0	6.2	.0	-.2
Other federal (including U.S. Postal Service)	998401	37.2	37.6	36.0	-.4	1.2
State	998512	41.0	40.7	39.6	.3	1.4
State education	882002	15.1	14.9	14.0	.2	1.1
Other state	992972	25.9	25.8	25.7	.1	.2
Local	998523	118.1	117.4	113.8	.7	4.3
Local education	882003	59.2	58.7	57.8	.5	1.4
Other local	993973	58.9	58.7	56.0	.2	2.9

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Atlanta MSA, which includes Barrow, Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

ALBANY MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	**000000**	**49.7**	**49.5**	**48.6**	**.2**	**1.1**
Manufacturing	300005	8.0	8.0	8.3	.0	-.3
Durable goods	300025	1.7	1.8	1.8	-.1	-.1
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	.6	.7	.8	-.1	-.2
Other durable goods	399915	1.1	1.1	1.0	.0	.1
Nondurable goods	400015	6.3	6.3	6.5	.0	-.2
Food and kindred products	420005	1.9	1.9	2.0	.0	-.1
Textile mill products	422005	1.1	1.1	1.0	.0	.1
Chemicals and allied products	428005	.4	.4	.4	.0	.0
Other nondurable goods	499915	2.9	2.9	3.0	.0	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	41.7	41.5	40.3	.2	1.4
Mining	100005	*	*	*	*	*
Contract construction	200005	3.0	3.0	2.5	.0	.5
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	2.1	2.1	2.2	.0	-.1
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	12.7	12.6	12.4	.1	.3
Wholesale trade	650005	3.3	3.3	3.3	.0	.0
Retail trade	652005	9.4	9.4	9.1	.0	.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	2.4	2.4	2.4	.0	.0
Services	800005	8.5	8.5	8.0	.0	.5
Government	998008	12.9	12.8	12.8	.1	.1
Federal	998011	3.5	3.5	3.5	.0	.0
State and local	998509	9.4	9.4	9.3	.0	.1

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Albany MSA, which includes Dougherty and Lee counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

* Employment fewer than 100 workers.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

ATHENS MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	**000000**	**63.3**	**63.2**	**62.7**	**.1**	**.6**
Manufacturing	300005	15.2	15.0	15.1	.2	.1
Durable goods	300025	5.4	5.3	5.4	.1	.0
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	2.7	2.6	2.6	.1	.1
Other durable goods	399915	2.7	2.6	2.9	.1	-.2
Nondurable goods	400015	9.8	9.7	9.7	.1	.1
Food and kindred products	420005	3.6	3.5	3.3	.1	.3
Textile mill products	422005	2.5	2.4	2.7	.1	-.2
Apparel and other textile products	423005	2.4	2.4	2.3	.0	.1
Other nondurable goods	499915	1.4	1.3	1.4	.1	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	48.1	48.2	47.6	-.1	.5
Mining	100005	.2	.2	.2	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	2.3	2.3	2.4	.0	-.1
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	1.8	1.8	1.7	.0	.1
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	13.0	13.0	12.8	.0	.2
Wholesale trade	650005	2.6	2.6	2.4	.0	.2
Retail trade	652005	10.4	10.4	10.3	.0	.1
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	2.0	2.0	1.9	.0	.1
Services	800005	9.7	9.7	9.5	.0	.2
Government	998008	19.3	19.3	19.1	.0	.2
Federal	998011	2.0	2.0	2.2	.0	-.2
State and local	998509	17.3	17.3	16.9	.0	.4

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Athens MSA, which includes Clarke, Jackson, Madison, and Oconee counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

AUGUSTA MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	158.1	157.7	156.6	.4	1.5
Manufacturing	300005	36.6	36.5	35.4	.1	1.2
Durable goods	300025	9.6	9.5	9.0	.1	.6
Lumber and wood products	324005	1.1	1.2	1.2	-.1	-.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	3.2	3.2	3.1	.0	.1
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	2.6	2.6	2.3	.0	.3
Other durable goods	399915	2.6	2.6	2.5	.0	.1
Nondurable goods	400015	27.0	27.0	26.4	.0	.6
Food and kindred products	420005	2.4	2.5	2.3	-.1	.1
Textile mill products	422005	5.8	5.8	5.8	.0	.0
Apparel and other textile products	423005	3.1	3.0	2.9	.1	.2
Printing and publishing	427005	1.6	1.6	1.3	.0	.3
Other nondurable goods	499915	14.1	14.1	14.2	.0	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	121.5	121.3	121.2	.2	.3
Mining	100005	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	9.7	9.5	9.2	.2	.5
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	5.1	5.2	5.2	-.1	-.1
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	33.4	33.4	34.3	.0	-.9
Wholesale trade	650005	4.8	4.8	4.8	.0	.0
Retail trade	652005	28.6	28.6	29.5	.0	-.9
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	6.1	6.1	6.2	.0	-.1
Services	800055	32.8	32.8	32.2	.0	.6
Government	998008	33.9	33.8	33.7	.1	.2
Federal	998011	8.2	8.3	8.4	-.1	-.2
State and local	998509	25.7	25.5	25.3	.2	.4

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Augusta MSA, which includes Columbia, McDuffie, and Richmond counties in Georgia and Aiken County, South Carolina. The estimates include all full-and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

COLUMBUS MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	92.7	92.5	92.3	.2	.4
Manufacturing	300005	20.2	20.1	20.1	.1	.1
Durable goods	300025	6.0	5.9	6.1	.1	-.1
Lumber and wood products	324005	.9	.9	.8	.0	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	.6	.6	.6	.0	.0
Primary metals, fabricated metals, and machinery	333055	3.4	3.3	3.6	.1	-.2
Other durable goods	399915	1.1	1.1	1.1	.0	.0
Nondurable goods	400015	14.2	14.1	14.0	.1	.2
Food and kindred products	420005	3.5	3.5	3.7	.0	-.2
Textile mill products	422005	7.2	7.2	7.0	.0	.2
Apparel and other textile products	423005	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0
Printing and publishing	427005	1.3	1.3	1.3	.0	.0
Other nondurable goods	499915	1.6	1.6	1.4	.0	.2
Nonmanufacturing	000060	72.5	72.4	72.1	.1	.4
Mining	100005	.1	.1	.1	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	5.3	5.3	5.2	.0	.1
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	3.5	3.5	3.7	.0	-.2
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	20.0	19.9	20.4	.1	-.4
Wholesale trade	650005	2.6	2.6	2.6	.0	.0
Retail trade	652005	17.4	17.3	17.8	.1	-.4
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	6.1	6.2	6.2	-.1	-.1
Services	800005	16.8	16.7	15.8	.1	1.0
Government	998008	20.7	20.7	20.8	.0	-.1
Federal	998011	7.0	7.1	7.5	-.1	-.5
State and local	998509	13.7	13.7	13.3	.0	.4

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Columbus MSA, which includes Chattahoochee and Muscogee counties in Georgia and Russell County, Alabama. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

MACON-WARNER ROBINS MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	118.9	118.9	117.7	.0	1.2
Manufacturing	300005	18.1	18.2	18.4	-.1	-.3
Durable goods	300025	7.1	7.1	7.1	.0	.0
Lumber and wood products	324005	.5	.4	.4	.1	.1
Stone, clay, and glass products	332005	1.1	1.1	1.1	.0	.0
Machinery, except electrical	335005	.5	.5	.4	.0	.1
Other durable goods	399915	5.0	5.0	5.1	.0	-.1
Nondurable goods	400015	11.0	11.0	11.3	.0	-.3
Food and kindred products	420005	1.9	1.8	2.2	.1	-.3
Textile mill products	422005	1.4	1.4	1.5	.0	-.1
Apparel and other textile products	423005	1.2	1.2	1.3	.0	-.1
Paper and allied products	426005	2.4	2.4	2.4	.0	.0
Chemicals and allied products	428005	.3	.3	.3	.0	.0
Other nondurable goods	499915	3.9	3.9	3.6	.0	.3
Nonmanufacturing	000060	100.8	100.8	99.4	.0	1.4
Mining	100005	.1	.1	.1	.0	.0
Contract construction	200005	4.7	4.8	5.0	-.1	-.3
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	4.9	4.9	4.9	.0	.0
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	27.0	26.9	26.6	.1	.4
Wholesale trade	650005	4.7	4.6	4.7	.1	.0
Retail trade	652005	22.3	22.3	22.0	.0	.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	7.7	7.8	7.3	-.1	.4
Services	800055	22.7	22.9	21.9	-.2	.8
Government	998008	33.6	33.4	33.5	.2	.1
Federal	998011	17.3	17.3	17.6	.0	-.3
State and local	998509	16.3	16.1	15.8	.2	.5

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Macon MSA, which includes Bibb, Houston, Jones, and Peach counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

SAVANNAH MSA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APR. 1988	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO MAY 1987	NET CHANGE IN JOBS	
					PREVIOUS MONTH	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total nonagricultural employment	000000	101.6	101.8	102.8	-.2	-1.2
Manufacturing	300005	16.6	16.8	17.1	-.2	-.5
Durable goods	300025	7.7	7.7	7.9	.0	-.2
Lumber and wood products, except furniture	324005	1.3	1.3	1.2	.0	.1
Millwork, plywood, and prefabricated structural products	324305	.6	.6	.5	.0	.1
Transportation equipment	337005	4.4	4.4	4.8	.0	-.4
Other durable goods	399915	2.0	2.0	1.9	.0	.1
Nondurable goods	400015	8.9	9.1	9.2	-.2	-.3
Food and kindred products	420005	2.0	2.0	2.0	.0	.0
Paper and allied products	426005	4.4	4.4	4.4	.0	.0
Chemicals and allied products	428005	1.4	1.5	1.4	-.1	.0
Petroleum and coal products	429005	.4	.4	.6	.0	-.2
Other nondurable goods	499915	.8	.8	.8	.0	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	85.0	85.0	85.8	.0	-.8
Mining	100005	*	*	*	*	*
Contract construction	200005	6.3	6.4	7.2	-.1	-.9
Transportation, communication, and public utilities (except U.S.P.S.)	500005	8.7	9.3	9.4	-.6	-.7
Wholesale and retail trade	600005	24.9	24.8	25.1	.1	-.2
Wholesale trade	650005	5.0	5.0	5.2	.0	-.2
Retail trade	652005	20.0	19.9	20.0	.1	.0
Finance, insurance, and real estate	700005	4.4	4.3	4.4	.1	.0
Services	800005	24.2	23.9	24.0	.3	.2
Government	998008	16.4	16.3	15.7	.1	.7
Federal	998011	2.7	2.7	2.8	.0	-.1
State and local	998509	13.7	13.5	12.9	.2	.8

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Depar[illegible]ont of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Savannah MSA, which includes Chatham and [illegible]gham counties. The estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the p[illegible]od that includes the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the armed [illegible]re excluded. Estimates based on 1987 benchmark. Totals may not add because of rounding.

* Industry division does not meet disclosure criteria.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems

UNITED STATES AND GEORGIA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

AREA	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PRELIMINARY MAY 1988	REVISED APRIL 1988	REVISED MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM REVISED APR. 1988	CHANGE FROM REVISED MAY 1987
United States (Seasonally adjusted)	Civilian labor force	120,978,000	121,323,000	119,993,000	-345,000	985,000
	Employed	114,195,000	114,713,000	112,447,000	-518,000	1,748,000
	Unemployed	6,783,000	6,610,000	7,546,000	173,000	-763,000
	Rate	5.6	5.4	6.3	—	—
United States (Not seasonally adjusted)	Civilian labor force	120,775,000	120,264,000	119,695,000	511,000	1,080,000
	Employed	114,222,000	113,905,000	112,377,000	317,000	1,845,000
	Unemployed	6,553,000	6,359,000	7,318,000	194,000	-765,000
	Rate	5.4	5.3	6.1	—	—
Georgia	Civilian labor force	3,142,528	3,088,571	3,056,407	53,957	86,121
	Employed	2,952,259	2,906,325	2,886,213	45,934	66,046
	Unemployed	190,269	182,246	170,194	8,023	20,075
	Rate	6.1	5.9	5.6	—	—
Albany MSA	Civilian labor force	56,768	56,092	56,149	676	619
	Employed	51,522	50,920	50,294	602	1,228
	Unemployed	5,246	5,172	5,855	74	-609
	Rate	9.2	9.2	10.4	—	—
Athens MSA	Civilian labor force	74,062	72,370	72,307	1,692	1,755
	Employed	70,908	69,281	69,354	1,627	1,554
	Unemployed	3,154	3,089	2,953	65	201
	Rate	4.3	4.3	4.1	—	—
Atlanta MSA	Civilian labor force	1,485,672	1,465,029	1,440,320	20,643	45,352
	Employed	1,406,512	1,389,067	1,372,137	17,445	34,375
	Unemployed	79,160	75,962	68,183	3,198	10,977
	Rate	5.3	5.2	4.7	—	—
Augusta, Ga.-S.C. MSA	Civilian labor force	182,103	179,608	179,477	2,495	2,626
	Employed	170,026	168,193	168,342	1,833	1,684
	Unemployed	12,077	11,415	11,135	662	942
	Rate	6.6	6.4	6.2	—	—
Columbus, Ga.-Ala. MSA	Civilian labor force	101,878	99,827	100,331	2,051	1,547
	Employed	94,905	92,968	93,994	1,937	911
	Unemployed	6,973	6,859	6,337	114	636
	Rate	6.8	6.9	6.3	—	—
Macon-Warner Robins MSA	Civilian labor force	131,145	128,838	127,811	2,307	3,334
	Employed	123,198	121,596	121,129	1,602	2,069
	Unemployed	7,947	7,242	6,682	705	1,265
	Rate	6.1	5.6	5.2	—	—
Savannah MSA	Civilian labor force	111,815	111,486	110,868	329	947
	Employed	103,739	103,397	104,279	342	-540
	Unemployed	8,076	8,089	6,589	-13	1,487
	Rate	7.2	7.3	5.9	—	—

NOTE: Employment includes nonagricultural wage and salary employment, self-employed, unpaid family and private household workers, and agricultural workers. Persons in labor disputes are counted as employed. The use of unrounded data does not imply that the numbers are exact. Georgia and Metropolitan Statistical Area data have not been seasonally adjusted.

Albany MSA: includes Dougherty and Lee counties.
Athens MSA: includes Clarke, Jackson, Madison, and Oconee counties.
Atlanta MSA: includes Barrow, Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties.
Augusta MSA: includes Columbia, McDuffie, and Richmond counties in Georgia and Aiken County, South Carolina.
Columbus MSA: includes Chattahoochee and Muscogee counties in Georgia and Russell County, Alabama.
Macon MSA: includes Bibb, Houston, Jones, and Peach counties.
Savannah MSA: includes Chatham and Effingham counties.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

AUGUSTA MSA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

AREA	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PRELIMINARY MAY 1988	REVISED APRIL 1988	REVISED MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM REVISED APR. 1988	CHANGE FROM REVISED MAY 1987
Augusta, Ga.-S.C. MSA	Civilian labor force	182,103	179,608	179,477	2,495	2,626
	Employed	170,026	168,193	168,342	1,833	1,684
	Unemployed	12,077	11,415	11,135	662	942
	Rate	6.6	6.4	6.2	—	—
Residing in Georgia	Civilian labor force	121,225	119,653	119,857	1,572	1,368
	Employed	113,297	111,975	111,925	1,322	1,372
	Unemployed	7,928	7,678	7,932	250	-4
	Rate	6.5	6.4	6.6	—	—
Residing in South Carolina	Civilian labor force	60,878	59,955	59,620	923	1,258
	Employed	56,729	56,218	56,417	511	312
	Unemployed	4,149	3,737	3,203	412	946
	Rate	6.8	6.2	5.4	—	—

NOTE: The Augusta Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Columbia, McDuffie, and Richmond counties, Georgia, and Aiken County, South Carolina.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

COLUMBUS MSA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

AREA	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PRELIMINARY MAY 1988	REVISED APRIL 1988	REVISED MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM REVISED APR. 1988	CHANGE FROM REVISED MAY 1987
Columbus, Ga.-Ala. MSA	Civilian labor force	101,878	99,827	100,331	2,051	1,547
	Employed	94,905	92,968	93,994	1,937	911
	Unemployed	6,973	6,859	6,337	114	636
	Rate	6.8	6.9	6.3	—	—
Residing in Georgia	Civilian labor force	79,948	78,163	77,814	1,785	2,134
	Employed	74,384	72,719	73,056	1,665	1,328
	Unemployed	5,564	5,444	4,758	120	806
	Rate	7.0	7.0	6.1	—	—
Residing in Alabama	Civilian labor force	21,930	21,664	22,517	266	-587
	Employed	20,521	20,249	20,938	272	-417
	Unemployed	1,409	1,415	1,579	-6	-170
	Rate	6.4	6.5	7.0	—	—

NOTE: The Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Muscogee and Chattahoochee counties, Georgia, and Russell County, Alabama.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems.

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